

EC-3055. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AG49) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3056. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Attorney Fee Payment System to Title XVI; 5-Year Demonstration Project Extending Fee Withholding and Payment Procedures to Eligible Non-Attorney Representatives; Definition of Past-due Benefits; and Assessment for Fee Payment Services" (RIN0960-AG35) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3057. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to post-liberation Iraq covering the period of June 15, 2007, through August 15, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3058. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, correspondence from the Speaker of the National Assembly of the State of Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 134. A resolution designating September 2007 as "Adopt a School Library Month".

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families.

S. Res. 288. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week".

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Richard A. Jones, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Sharon Aycock, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2020. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as "The Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2021. A bill to provide \$50,000,000,000 in new transportation infrastructure funding through bonding to empower States and local governments to complete significant infrastructure projects across all modes of transportation, including roads, bridges, rail and transit systems, ports, and inland waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2022. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county office of the Farm Service Agency until at least one year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs for fiscal years after 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2023. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2024. A bill to provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility criteria for special monthly pension; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2026. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 11, to clarify that an award of benefits based on a regulatory presumption established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1116 after September 30, 2002, cannot be made effective earlier than the date the regulatory presumption was established; and to clarify that the presumption of herbicide exposure provided by 38 U.S.C. section 1116(f) applies only to veterans who served in Vietnam on land or on Vietnam's inland waterways and not to those who served only in waters offshore or in airspace above; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2027. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 5, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and promote programs and activities honoring veterans and to authorize the next of kin of a deceased veteran to wear the veteran's awards and decorations under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2028. A bill to require the State of Louisiana to match Federal funding to fully ad-

dress the Road Home Program shortfall; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2029. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency in the relationship between physicians and manufacturers of drugs, devices, or medical supplies for which payment is made under Medicare, Medicaid, or SCHIP; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD)):

S. 2030. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require reporting relating to bundled contributions made by persons other than registered lobbyists; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 309. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University Mountaineers of Boone, North Carolina, for pulling off one of the greatest upsets in college football history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to assure protection of public health safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 453, a bill to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal